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1. It is reported that Otilio Ulate Blanco, unofficial president-elect of Costa Rica, has agreed to reimburse his rival, Dr. Rafael Angel Calderon Guardia, for his electoral expenses, and to retain present military officials in accordance with the country's needs.
2. Calderon Guardia has been urged by his aggressive advisers to press the charges of electoral fraud, and has reportedly made the statement that he would agree to having the government turned over to anybody but Ulate.
3. Manuel Mora, leader of the Partido Vanguardia Popular, organized a protest meeting on the evening of 9 January and scheduled another for the afternoon of the following day. The worst Vanguardia Popular elements have been brought in from Puntarenas to reinforce government troops and help in the demonstrations. Ulate's followers have prepared for the worst, but are awaiting a favorable statement by the Electoral Tribunal making their victory official.
4. It is understood that the voting count on the afternoon of 9 February showed Ulate ahead by 15,000 votes. These figures were not officially admitted.

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